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### MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 15,162; Week ago 26,989; Year ago 8559 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
367 lbs	139.37	376 lbs	123.89	362 lbs	100.45
463 lbs	131.42	452 lbs	117.38	563 lbs	91.13
553 lbs	124.36	543 lbs	113.56	653 lbs	87.29
642 lbs	118.23	645 lbs	110.21	753 lbs	83.02
751 lbs	111.78	726 lbs	105.00	847 lbs	83.02
882 lbs	106.60	847 lbs	105.25		

#### SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 3300; Week ago 5155; Year ago 2574 Compared to last week, steers and heifers were steady to 2.00 lower, with most 450-550 lb steers 2.00 to 4.00 lower. Slaughter cows traded 2.00-3.00 lower, bulls unevenly steady to firm.

STEERS:		HEI	FERS:
Medium and Large 1		Medium	and Large 1
		1	
300-400 lbs.	134.00-145.00	300-400 lbs.	115.00-124.00
400-500 lbs.	126.00-133.00	400-500 lbs.	110.00-122.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-124.00	500-600 lbs.	103.00-113.00
600-700 lbs.	107.50-113.00	600-700 lbs.	103.00-110.00
Pkg 765 lbs.	106.00		
800-850 lbs.	Scarce		
Large 3	Holsteins	SLAUGHTER C	COWS:
		Breaking and Bo	
700-800 lbs.	82.50-83.25	10an) 10.50 50.5	
Pkg 867 lbs	81.00	52.00-58.50. Lea	an (85-90%)
		43.00-48.00, lov	v dressing 37.50-
		43.00	
SLAUGHTER B	ULLS: Vield	REPLACEMEN	IT COWS: Me-
Grade 1-2 1200-2			1-2 3 to 6 yrs in-
68.00, high dress		cluding a few lo	
low dressing 57.0			a 2nd and 3rd stage
ion areosing en	30 00.20		er head, few 4 to 7
COW & CALF I	PAIRS: Medium		1150 lbs 2nd and
and Large 1-2 fe			0-820.00 per head.
	veral cows in thin	212182 / 21111	
to very thin cond			
to 300 lbs calves			
per pair, pkg 5 to	6 yrs 1050 lbs		
with 150-250 lb			
per pair.			

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#### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 1805; week ago 2101; year ago 1584 Cow and Bull Receipts 1204; week ago 2400; year ago 969 Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher, Holsteins not well tested. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00 lower, bulls steady to 1.00 lower.

	ERS: nd Large 1		FERS: and Large 1
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	144.00-146.00 125.00-128.00 113.50-120.50 113.00-118.50 108.00-115.50	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs.	Scarce 113.50-119.00 108.00-116.50 Scarce 96.00-100.50
	Frame 3  Scarce 97.00-107.00 Scarce 89.50-93.00 81.00-88.50 Scarce 82.00-93.50	and Boning (70- 55.50, high dress Lean (85-90%) 4 dressing 33.00-4 <u>SLAUGHTER F</u> Grade 1-2, 1260	<u>BULLS:</u> Yield -2315 lbs 61.50- sing 66.00-77.00,
REPLACEMEN Medium and Lar ss, 1000-1340 lb stage 675.00-875 attractive 900.00 head.	ge 1-2, 2 yrs to s, 2nd and 3rd 5.00, some more	COW & CALF F and Large 1-2, 2 1325 lbs. with 14 few rebred 950.0 pair.	yrs to ss, 1075- 10 to 450 lb calves,
NORTH	WEST MISSOU	RI WEEKLY SI	IMMARV

#### NORTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Maryville, St Joe)

Receipts: 1881, Week ago 1609, Year ago 1395 Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 5.00 higher, Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00 to 3.00 lower

Staughter cows and buils 1.00 to 5.00 lower.				
FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1			HEIFERS: and Large 1	
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	143.00-146.00 130.00-144.00 124.00-135.50 115.50-128.00 Scarce 106.60 Scarce	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	125.50 114.00-122.00 110.00-124.00 109.00-122.00 99.25-108.00 105.25	
REPLACEMENT ( and Large 1-2 3 to 1000-1450 lbs 2nd 825.00-1135.00 per  COW & CALF PA  and Large 1-2 2 to 1000-1400 lbs with	5 yrs black and 3rd stage r head IRS: Medium 7 yrs black	and Boning (70- 53.00, high dres Lean (85-90%) SLAUGHTER I Grade 1-2, 1500		

low dressing 55.00-56.00.

calves 1100.00-1250.00 per pair.

#### WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 2625; Week ago 2986; Year ago 991 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers uneven, but mostly steady, Slaughter cows 4.00 lower to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1 and 1-2			HEIFERS: Large 1 and 1-2		
300-400 lbs 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	127.00-140.00 124.00-138.00 112.50-132.25 106.50-124.75 104.00-115.75	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	116.00-133.00 108.00-122.50 105.00-118.50 100.00-110.75 103.00-108.25		
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2 few 6 yrs to short solid 1020-1400 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 700.00-900.00 per head.		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 47.00-53.50, High dressing 51.50-60.50, Lean (85-90%) 44.00-48.00, low dressing 36.75-46.50.			
COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce  SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1140-2235 lbs 60.00-67.50, high dressing 64.00-69.00, low dressing 52.00-59.00.					
	EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Rowling Green Kingdom City, Roonville)				

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 2817; Week ago 3727; Year ago 1814 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers mostly steady. Slaughter cows 3.00 to 5.00 lower.

FEEDER ST	ΓEERS:	<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :	
Medium and La	rge 1& 1-2	Medium and I	arge 1 & 1-2
	:		C
300-400 lbs.	135.00-142.75	300-400 lbs.	120.00-128.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-139.50	400-500 lbs.	110.00-125.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-132.00	500-600 lbs.	105.00-124.00
600-700 lbs.	112.00-127.00	600-700 lbs	102.00-115.00
700-800 lbs.	104.50-114.50	700-750 lbs.	101.50-109.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce		
SLAUGHTER STE	ERS: Few Se-	SLAUGHTER CO	OWS: Breaking.
lect and Choice 2-3	91 00-97 50	Boning, and Lean	
	71.00 77.00	45.00-55.00, high	
		60.00, low dressin	
		oo.oo, iow diessii	ig 55.00-45.00.
SLAUGHTER HEII	FERS: Few	SLAUGHTER BU	JLLS: Yield
Select and Choice 2-		Grade 1-2, 1300-2	
Street and Choice 2	. , 0.00 , 0.50	67.00, hi dressing	
NODENTE	am 1 5700 0 770 7	or.oo, in dressing	07.30 73.00

#### NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon) Feeder Cattle Receipts 990; week ago 3906; year ago 0 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 50; week ago 10; year ago 41 Feeder steers and heifers steady, Slaughter cows 3.00 to 5.00 lower, Slaughter steers and heifers the receipts and prices from week ending May 25.

<u>FEEDER STEERS:</u> Medium and Large 1-2		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS:</u> Medium and Large 1-2	
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	134.00-145.00 130.00-140.25 123.50-137.25 117.50-125.10 106.10-114.50 109.00	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	120.25-125.50 122.25-129.00 110.00-123.00 109.25-116.00 Scarce Scarce
SLAUGHTER S 2-3 pkg 1250-13 99.90	STEERS: Choice 350 lbs 97.50-	and Boning (75-	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 49.00-sing 46.50-48.75
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AUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1250 lbs 97.00-98.60

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2050 lbs 63.00-

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 5 yrs to short solid 1000-1200 lbs, baby to 250 lbs, 965.00-1100.00 per pair

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce

#### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 402; Week ago: 997; Year ago 177

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

Compared to last week steers and heifers under 500 lbs 2.00 to 3.00 higher, over 500 lbs steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows 3.00 lower, bulls 1.00 lower.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

Grade 1-2, 1550-2120 lbs 59.00-

66.00, low dressing 52.00-58.00

STEERS: Carcass sales: No

300-400 lbs.	122.75-133.00	300-400 lbs.	115.00-127.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-128.00	400-500 lbs.	107.50-118.00
500-600 lbs.	110.00-119.25	500-600 lbs.	103.50-111.00
600-700 lbs.	108.00-117.50	600-700 lbs.	101.50-105.50
700-800 lbs.	Scarce	700-750 lbs.	100.50
REPLACEMENT Medium and Larg 895-1345 lbs 2nd 660.00-830.00 pe	ge 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs and 3rd stage	and boning (75-	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 46.50-sing 54.00, Lean
COW & CALF Pand Large 1-2 8 y 1150 lbs with 80-	rs to ss 915-	SLAUGHTER I Grade 1-2, 1453 60.25, high dres	5-2090 lbs, 57.75-

#### SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 2599, Week ago 2571, Year ago 1434

750.00-830.00 per pair.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

and Large 1-2 Scarce

STEERS: No Sales

Compared to last week feeder steer and heifer trade mixed 3.00 lower

to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower.

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300-400 lbs.	135.00-140.00	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	118.00-138.00	400-500 lbs.	109.25-122.00
500-600 lbs.	119.00-134.50	500-600 lbs.	104.00-122.50
600-700 lbs.	113.00-124.50	600-700 lbs.	101.00-113.50
700-800 lbs.	108.25-109.75	700-800 lbs.	107.00
REPLACEMENT and Large 1-2 3 to lbs 2nd and 3rd sta package fancy blk 900.00 per head.	5 yrs, 980-1280 age 600.00-775.00,	and Boning (70-55.75, high dress	14.75-49.50, low
COW & CALF PA	AIRS: Medium	SLAUGHTER E	BULLS: Yield

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 200; Week ago 800; Year ago 1000 Compared to last week, trade very slow. No confirmed live sales and Dressed sales on a grid basis 3.00 to 4.00 lower.

	Sales
HEIFERS: No Sales.	GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs. 152.00-
	153.00

#### INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 10,324, Week ago 6908; Year ago 7697 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady to .50 lower, Sows steady to 1.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:	SOWS:
D	200 500 11 22

Base carcass meat price 67.00. 300-500 lbs 32.00-35.00 Weeks top Thu 68.00 Over 500 lbs 36.00-38.00

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 10,658

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 2.00 lower and feeder pigs no comparison. Supply and Demand Moderate.

All pig prices based on a delivered basis including freight and fees.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 92% formulated 10,158 head 10 lbs 26.50-35.79, weighted average 10 lbs 32.94

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated 500 head 40 lbs 47.00

#### WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Meal 48%	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	210.90	160.50	202.50	68.50
St. Louis	229.50	150.00	222.50	57.50

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Most farmers facing more June like weather, with pop-up showers around the state. Hay harvest has progressed well despite a slow start, but yields here and in many other states seem to be nothing to brag about. Most areas have got control of army worm problems, total damage is hard to determine as several factors have led to reduced yields this year. Still several window shoppers out trying to get an idea of what it is going to cost to buy hay this year. Demand moderate to light and supply light, prices steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429).(All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 140.00-175.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 140.00-175.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 80.00-140.00 Small, Big squares 100.00-180.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-6.00 per bale, 40.00-75.00 per large round bale, Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-125.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 50.00-75.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-140.00 Good quality Brome 50.00-80.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 25.00-50.00. Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 25.00-75.00 per round bale. Fair to good quality bluestem 40.00 per round bale, Fair to good quality millet/sudan grass round bale 50.00-55.00, Fair to good quality Bermuda grass 65.00 per round bale Wheat hay 50.00-70.00, Wheat straw 1.75-3.50 per small bale. Corn stalks 20.00-25.00 per bale.

**Dairy Cattle Sales** 

Dairy Cattle Receipts 1022, (Springfield 5/22/07) Springer Heifers, Supreme 2125.00-2625.00, Approved 1750.00-2050.00, Medium 1400.00-1700.00, Bred 3-6 months: Supreme 2175.00-2700.00, Jerseys 1850.00-1900.00, Approved 1700.00-2175.00, Medium 1300.00-1690.00. Open Heifers: Approved 200-300 lbs 700.00-880.00, 300-400 lbs 930.00-1020.00, Jerseys 1030.00-1190.00, 400-500 lbs 990.00-1100.00, Jerseys 1150.00-1330.00, 500-600 lbs 975.00-1170.00, Jerseys 1200.00-1375.00 600-700 lbs 1125.00-1335.00, 700-900 lbs 1175.00-1385.00, Calves: Holstein Heifers 410.00-460.00, Holstein Bulls 105.00-200.00, Crossbred Heifers 190.00-300.00, crossbred bulls 95.00-160.00 per head.

**Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market** 

(Koshkonong 05/26/2007) Receipts: 164 Last Month: 198 Year Ago: 127. Compared to the last market date of April 28, all classes of goats 8.00 to 15.00 lower, with a few classes of kids and thin does steady. Sheep classes 5.00 to mostly 19.00 lower. All sheep and goats graded by MO Dept of Ag-USDA Graders and bought per cwt. Based on inweights. Goats Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 45-60 lbs 132.00: 61-80 lbs 120.00. Selection 1-2 81 lbs and up 70.00. Selection 3 45-60 lbs 92.00, 61-80 lbs 75.00, 81 lbs and up 65.00. Feeder Kids all grades 20-44 lbs 85.00. Feeder Kids: any grade 20-44 lbs 85.00. Slaughter Does/Nannies: Selection 1 50.00, Selection 3 40.00pe cwt. Slaughter Bucks all grades yearling 70.00, Selection 1-2 106 lbs and up 50.00, aged wethers any grade 40.00. **Sheep** <u>Slaughter Lambs</u>: Choice 2-3 80 lbs and under 90.00, 81-110 lbs 85.00, Hair lambs good and Choice 2-4 80 lbs and under 70.00-80.00 per cwt. <u>Feeder Lambs</u>: not tested. <u>Slaughter Ewes</u>: Utility and Good 2-4 35.00 per cwt. <u>Slaughter Rams</u>: aged 160 lbs and over 25.00 per cwt. (all prices per cwt)

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .05 to .07 higher, Wheat .19 to .25 higher, Corn .07 to .12 higher, KC Wheat nearby unchanged to .18 lower, others .01 to .05 higher, Soybean meal 1.60 to 3.20 higher.

#### Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	
Soybeans Jul Aug Sep Nov Jan	Holiday	797 1/2 805 1/4 812.1/2 826 3/4 835 1/2	808 1/4 815 3/4 823 1/4 837 845 3/4	806 1/4 813 1/2 820 836 1/4 844	817 1/2 824 3/4 832 1/2 847 1/4 856	
Wheat Jul Sep Dec Mar May	Holiday	491 502 1/4 516 1/2 524 1/2 522	510 3/4 524 3/4 536 542 538	517 532 543 550 546	520 3/4 535 1/2 547 554 550	
Corn Jul Sep Dec Mar May	Holiday	364 3/4 367 3/4 367 1/2 379 387 1/4	382 1/4 384 3/4 381 1/4 392 1/2 399 1/2	390 1/4 391 1/2 384 3/4 396 3/4 402 1/4	386 3/4 389 1/4 383 393 1/2 401 1/4	
KC Wheat Jul Sep Dec Mar May	Holiday	481 493 507 517 507	500 3/4 511 1/2 525 533 512	504 516 1/2 529 3/4 537 524	507 1/2 522 533 1/2 546 522	
SB Meal Jul Aug Sep Oct Dec	Holiday	214.40 215.90 218.00 219.30 222.10	216.80 218.80 220.90 221.90 224.60	216.90 219.10 220.80 221.50 224.50	221.40 222.40 224.80 225.50 228.80	

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .25 to .78 lower, except Dec and Feb .10 higher, Lean Hogs .15 to 2.53 higher, Pork Bellies 1.75 to 3.42 lower, Feeder Cattle .15 to .98 lower.

Daily Futures Closes							
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.		
Cattle Jun Aug Oct Dec Feb	Holiday	91.00 91.42 95.12 95.62 96.65	90.70 91.10 94.77 95.37 96.47	91.15 91.47 95.22 95.90 97.02	90.80 90.67 94.32 95.47 96.42		
Lean Hogs Jun Jul Aug Oct Dec	Holiday	74.92 73.92 73.52 65.87 63.62	75.27 74.42 73.90 66.72 63.90	75.07 74.52 74.05 67.15 64.82	74.87 75.15 74.50 68.05 65.52		
Prk Bel Jul Aug Feb Mar	Holiday	102.07 101.00 102.25 102.55	101.20 100.10 101.70 102.60	100.65 99.45 101.47 102.55	98.70 97.30 100.00 102.25		
Fdr Cat Aug Sep Oct Nov Jan	Holiday	111.55 111.15 110.37 110.00 107.90	110.35 110.32 109.50 109.00 107.10	111.42 111.30 110.77 110.25 107.90	110.25 110.07 109.90 109.22 106.80		
Milk May Jun Jul	Holiday	17.56 19.75 19.64	17.58 19.96 20.00	17.58 20.16 20.49	20.74 19.78		

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#### MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans unchanged to .05 higher Wheat .10 to .19 higher Corn .09 to .18 higher Grain Sorghum .20 to .34 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy- bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum				
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Holiday 7.58 7.68 7.66 7.73-7.76	4.31 4.51 4.54 4.58	3.50 3.67-3.69 3.75-3.77 3.79	5.80 6.11 6.25 6.42				
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Holiday 7.63-7.68 7.75-7.80 7.69-7.71 7.80	4.55 4.72 4.75 4.75	3.75-3.79 3.96-4.00 4.01 3.97	5.89 6.19 6.33 6.42				
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Holiday 7.33-7.35 7.43-7.45 7.41-7.46 7.53-7.58	3.91-4.14 4.11-4.34 4.22-4.21 4.26-4.44	3.50 3.67 3.75-3.78 3.75	5.53 5.83 6.03 5.98				
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Holiday 7.59-7.60 7.69-7.71 7.62-7.71 7.76-7.82	4.50-4.52 4.58-4.74 4.70-4.83 4.80-4.85	3.71 3.86-3.92 3.94-3.98 3.89-3.95	5.82-6.10 6.12-6.53 6.17-6.67 6.07-6.62				

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT) \*NEW CROP

#### Weekly Crop Report

With 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork, farmers made good progress in row crop planting, nearly catching the normal pace for corn and soybeans and advancing to 91 percent complete with spring tillage, the same as normal. However, a few areas have experienced setbacks. Some farmland especially in the northwest district that was flooded in early May received additional rain during the past week, further delaying corn replanting as well as planting of soybeans and milo. A few far eastern counties have the opposite problem, as topsoil dryness has temporarily halted soybean planting and emergence; soils that are too dry near the surface but too wet and gummy underneath are presenting farmers with challenging conditions for planting. The army worm infestation of hay and wheat fields has been mostly contained, with heavy insecticide spraying during the past week limiting the damage. Topsoil moisture rates 3 percent very short, 15 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus, a moderate drop in the adequate to surplus ratings. Most of the decline is due to dryness developing in the Bootheel, where 67 percent of soils are rated short to very short compared to 22 percent last week. Corn planting is 93 percent complete, 3 days behind normal. Emergence is at 79 percent, 18 days behind last year and 9 days behind the 88 percent average. Corn condition rates 4 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 9 percent excellent, up 1 point in good to excellent over last week and identical to last year's good to excellent rating at this time. Soybean planting ended the week at 55 percent complete, 5 days behind last year and slightly behind the normal pace of 57 percent. Soybeans are 32 percent emerged, about 2 days behind last year and marginally behind the 5-year average of 35 percent. Sorghum planting is 51 percent complete, trailing last year by 10 days and normal by 6 days. Wheat condition is rated 22 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 10 percent good, and 1 percent excellent, nearly the same as last week. The first cutting of alfalfa is 52 percent harvested, 4 days behind last year but even with normal. Other hay is 29 percent cut, 2 days behind last year but 3 days ahead of average. Reports from throughout the state have consistently indicated fescue and alfalfa yields below normal.